

27 November 2024

## Principal's Pen

Kia ora parents & whānau,

Week 7 is well and truly upon us and there is a heap of end of year things on across the school. The turn in weather has been a welcome change too.

Congratulations to your children in our Kapa Haka group who performed at the Onepoto festival last Friday. This is the first festival for several years due to the redevelopment in Northcote, and the new build of the school. They put together a fantastic event and our Kapa Haka group did themselves proud. We were only able to send Year 5 & 6 children due to limited space in their hall. Whaea Miringa Masters has done an amazing job with your children and along with Heather Bartlett and Whaea Carey Thomas the group has gone from strength to strength this year.

Today was the FONS Colour Fun Run for our school. Your children had an absolute blast! It was so good to see so many of you giving your time to help our amazing FONS team with this event. There was a DJ playing music which really added to the occasion. Special thanks to Astrid Powell for leading this cool fund-raising event. Astrid spent many long hours getting this organised and wow, what a truly amazing result! Thank you to everyone who sponsored your wonderful kids!

Next week we have three end of year prizegiving assemblies for Tūi and Kererū, Tōtara, and Kauri teams. Make sure you have the dates in your calendar as it is very easy to miss them (trust me I know from my own kids). There are several other events between now and the end of term so keep your eyes on the school calendar.

Please look at the lost property rack here as there are heaps of clothes on it that must have a home that is missing them. Any clothing left at school after the end of this term will be given to a charity.

Finally, a plea for those of you picking up your children from outside the Lake Road entrance. There have been two reports in the past two weeks of children crossing the road from directly outside the school. This is incredibly dangerous and should never be done without an adult. There is a light-controlled crossing down Lake Road just before Kawana Street for this purpose. I recently met with traffic planners from AT and roading engineers from Beca who are looking at modifications around our school to make the crossing at Lake & Onewa Road safer at the dangerous before and after school crossing times. Please help keep your children safe.

Kind regards

Andy Brown - Principal

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## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section in Hero.

### **Term 4 2024**

- Tuesday 3 December - Tui/Kereru Prizegiving 1.30pm
- Wednesday 4 December - Totara Prizegiving 1.30pm
- Thursday 5 December - Kauri Prizegiving 1.30pm
- Monday 9 December - Year 6 Graduation 5pm
- Wednesday 11 December - Board Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 12 December - Whole School Fun Day
- Monday 16 December - EOY Reports available
- Wednesday 18 December - School Closes 12pm

## Sports News

Congratulations to the following mini ball teams who reached the finals in their grades in the North Harbour competition. Congratulations to all of the other NPS miniball teams who also competed throughout the season.



Northcote Lakers: Placed 2nd in the top grade out of 11 grades



Northcote Nets: Won the Year 5/6 girls grade 2 competition



Northcote Clippers: Won the 3rd grade competition out of 11 grades

## **Community News**

Kia ora tatou! It's time for our annual giving appeal for our partners at Auckland City Mission as they become Auckland's Angels for so many people in need this Christmas.

If you can, please donate unwrapped gifts for kids (\$10-\$20 budget) or non-perishable food for Xmas Hampers to St John the Baptist Anglican Church (47 Church St) by Friday 13 December. We have also set up a fundraising page if you are in a position to give money to the mission, use the following link: <https://donate.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/fundraisers/NorthcoteAnglican/angels>

Call/text Becs Conolly on 0211899751 if you have any questions or to arrange a drop-off time at the church.